

Brethren church, but by the sacrifices we are willing to make to disseminate these principles and doctrines which we hold so dear.

### THIS THY DAY.

Every new day is a day of new opportunities and privileges. How few of us appreciate the fact that the bright and beautiful morning on which our eyes open every twenty-four hours brings with it an open door of usefulness into which we have never entered before. With the close of that day the door also closes and if we have failed to enter in it is an opportunity lost forever. That same opportunity will never come to us again, and if it should, having once rejected it, we are less than ever prepared for its acceptance. That same door will never open to us again; the day with its opportunities and privileges is gone and will return to us no more. God is continually passing little moments of time through our hands and these moments make up the sum total of our life. Oh, how rich, how sweet, how beautiful for Christ and for humanity we could make our lives if we would but seize the opportunities that each day and each moment brings with it. What is true of us as individuals is true of us as a church. Many indeed are the doors which God has opened to us and into which he has invited us, but have we always accepted the invitation? It occurs to us that the borders of the Brethren church have not been extended as God has given us opportunity. The spiritual progress of our beloved Zion has not kept pace with our material prosperity. Would not a careful and prayerful consideration of the present state of the church arouse within us the feelings which moved David when he said, "Behold, I dwell in a house of cedar while the Lord dwells in a tent." David realized that there was a want of harmony between the material and intellectual growth of the people and their spiritual advancement. The latter had not kept pace with the former. It is even so to day. The march of the Kingdom of God has not been in harmony with the wonderful resources God has put at our command. Let us apply the truth to our church. May it not be said of the church as of each individual, "Oh, that thou hadst known this thy day." But a great and effectual door is yet open to us and to-day the Master bids us enter. What the *Reformed Church Messenger* says of the church it represents is equally true of the

Brethren church and we ask a prayerful reading of the following paragraph from that paper:

The Reformed Church will be wise if she now exerts herself to the utmost and enters into her Home Mission work as never before. Now is her golden opportunity; this is her seed time; at present she ought to build for the future. That her sons may have places in which to preach the Master's word, and that her institutions of learning may have a larger and richer constituency; that she may enlarge her foreign work and take her share in the future conquest of the world for Christ; that she may aid in saving this great land of ours from practical infidelity and its terrible consequences; and that she may be large and strong enough to have influence in spreading abroad that "sweet reasonableness" and charitable spirit which has ever ruled her teaching; it is necessary for her now to set about claiming her territory and developing her resources. Unless she does that her future usefulness will be as limited as in the past. God continues to offer us the privilege of having a larger share in the work of his kingdom. It rests with us to accept it, and increase in strength and usefulness. But unless we make better use of our opportunities the day will surely come when these will pass away.

### Personal Mention.

Brother Yoder reports another accession to the congregation at Warsaw, Ind.

Brother Wampler reports another accession to the church by confession, baptism and confirmation.

Will brother Victor Gillin please let us know what his former address was so that we can make the change as he desires?

Brother Hall, Vinco, Pa., has just closed a very successful meeting at Mt. Union Pa., resulting in nineteen conversions.

Brother Hilderbrand has been engaged as pastor of the Jones Mills and Mt. Vernon congregations. He will do them good service.

Brother J. L. Hamilton informs us that the meeting at Galesburg, Kansas, closed Sunday night with four more accessions, making ten in all.

Thro brother J. M. Bowman we learn that Dr. McGregor is holding a meeting at Glenford, O., and is having good success. Sunday night October 10, five accepted Christ and Tuesday night one.

Brother Flora says in his evangelistic work he will make an effort to get the EVANGELIST into each home of the Brethren church, because he believes it to be the greatest preacher in the brotherhood.

Sister Gilmore, Folsom, New Mexico, writes: "Your paper has been a great help to me spiritually. It is the only companion I have, as there is no other house for ten miles. I hope later to be able to donate either to your paper or the Chicago Mission."

Brother E. B. Shaver says: "Since our last report we added 12 names to the church roll at this place and Quicksburg. Nine by baptism, one reclaimed, one by relation and the other by transfer. Our old Va. friend, Elder J. F. Koontz from Conemaugh, Pa., was with us most of the time and gave us good gospel sermons. His many friends enjoyed his visit. The only objec-

tion made was that his stay was so short. Brother Koontz, we were all disappointed in not having you return to our communion at Quicksburg."

Brother J. C. Mackey writes: "Closed ten days' service in the Meyersdale church last Friday night. Immediate result, three baptisms. This aggregates thirty-seven accessions in the charge since July 1 this year. Will probably begin meeting in Salisbury, Nov. 1."

Sister Tombaugh, Washington, Pa., writes: "I want to be one of the five hundred who will each secure one new subscriber for the Evangelist. Will send name and dollar later. I sincerely hope you will get the desired number. I do not see how any member of the church can afford to do without our church paper; it is getting better all the time. I wish you abundant success." The sister has our thanks for her helpful words.

The Indiana Conference has called Brother Flora to the office of State Evangelist. By this action he will be required to leave his present field of labor, the several congregations which he is now so faithfully serving. This means sacrifice both on his and on the part of the congregations of which he is pastor. It is to be hoped that the church in the State will fully appreciate this fact and give Brother Flora its united support, not only financially, but in every possible way encourage and uphold him in his new field of labor. This we believe the church will do.

During his first year's work in California, Brother Shively preached 208 sermons, conducted above 300 services, and traveled by rail in doing this 5000 miles. During the month of September he preached 36 sermons, more than one a day on an average. There have been six more baptisms since the camp meeting, and one more applicant for baptism. He reports the work moving grandly forward. The missionary cause also receives its share of attention, and by this time Brother Cassel will be in receipt of a contribution from the Pacific State. Brother Shively says he does not limit the contribution to one cent a month. If one man can stir up a large state like California, surely there ought to be a great awakening in the States where each congregation has a pastor.

By invitation of the Ashland City church, Brother Copp, of Hagerstown, Md., came to this place on Saturday, October 16. He preached five sermons as follows:

Saturday evening, Love, True and False.  
Sunday A. M., The Three Pictures.  
Sunday P. M., Walking with God.  
Monday evening, The Two Gifts.  
Tuesday evening, Be Filled with the Spirit.

These sermons were excellent in every way. They were well prepared, well delivered and above all deeply spiritual in their character. It was in truth a spiritual feast and all who heard them expressed themselves as highly pleased. Brother Copp left on Wednesday for his home, but is expected to return to take charge of the congregation as pastor.

Unless our faith is manifested in righteousness, we must beware lest we think it is genuine when it is not; there must be in it the seed of all holy life.—*Tennis S. Hamlin, D. D.*

He is the greatest conqueror who has gained the mastery over his bodily self. They only are slaves whose spirits are bound by flesh chains.